

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of full Council held on
Monday 16th November 2015 at 7.30pm
at The Blackbourne.

Present: Cllrs Burch (part), Edmonds, Mrs Gunby, Harrison, B Hawes, D Hawes, Pallett (Chairman), Pratt, Reed, Mrs Taber, Wiley.

Attending: County Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey (part)
District Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel
District Council Ward Member Cllr John Levantis
Parish Clerk Mr Dow
14 members of the public

Before the Meeting proper began, at the behest of the Chairman, all present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in the recent Paris terrorist attacks.

15.11.01 **Noted:**
That there were no apologies for absence and no absences noted.

15.11.02 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2015, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

The Meeting agreed that a note be appended to the Minutes of the 21.09.15 meeting of Council to the effect that the text at 31.1 should have read, 'look into', rather than, 'ask the BMA to revisit'.

15.11.03 **Noted:**
The following when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items were invited and any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests noted:
3.1 Cllr Wiley declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 17 regarding councillor training as he was the subject of the proposal.

15.11.04 **Noted:**
The following when reports were received from external bodies:
4.1 A written report tabled by County Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey;
4.2 A written report tabled by District Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel;
4.3 A written report tabled by the Police;
4.4 An oral report given by District Council Ward Member Cllr John Levantis.

15.11.05 **Noted:**
That when the public comment or questions were invited on the reports tabled at Agenda item 4, none were forthcoming.

Cllr Mrs Jane Storey left at this point

15.11.06 **Noted:**
The following when comment or questions was invited from Members on the reports tabled at Agenda item 4:
6.1 Cllr Reed suggested that there might not be scope for further cuts to Local Authority expenditure to be made.
6.2 Cllr Reed suggested that Council might consider funding a PCSO to compensate for the reduction in the Police service resulting from financial cut-backs.

- 15.11.07 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions was invited on any item on the Agenda:
7.1 The Clerk undertook to reinforce representations already made to the Police regarding hazard resulting from contractors' vehicles parking close to the junction with Hawk End Lane, Rose Lane and School Road whilst construction works are in progress.
- 15.11.08 **Noted:**
The following correspondence:
8.1 From Cllr Reed confirming no Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in 15.10.10, regarding a Complaint against the Council;
8.2 To resident re report and recommendations made by Complaints Panel; *circulated*
8.3 With Jo Churchill MP re Elmswell post Office; *circulated*
8.4 From Wetherden resident re A14 road noise; *circulated*
8.5 From Jo Churchill MP re A14 surface; *circulated*
- 15.11.09 **Noted:**
The following further correspondence:
9.1 With resident regarding Councils VAS initiative – circulated to all councillors
9.2 With an individual re. proposed closure of Wesley Hall – copied to all Councillors
Cllr Reed declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest in the matter of the Wesley Hall as she was a member of the Wesley Hall Management Committee.
9.3 Copy email from Cllr Mrs Gunby as Chair of the Wesley Hall User Group Committee as sent to all Councillors.

Cllr Burch made his apologies and left the meeting at this point as he was unwell

- 15.11.10 The Meeting received the Clerk's report tabled as Appendix A.
- 15.11.11 **Noted:**
That when any Complaints Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda none was forthcoming and that the date of the next complaints Committee meeting was not known.
- 15.11.12 **Noted:**
Planning results as notified by Mid Suffolk District Council:
- 12.1 **Application 3162/15**
Proposed single storey side & rear extension
8 Cresmedow Way
GRANTED EPC supported
- 12.2 **Application 3255/15**
Erection of detached single storey annexe / studio / holiday let
Cornfields, Wetherden Road
GRANTED EPC objected
- 12.3 **Application 3437/15**
Change of use of existing agricultural; building to form 2 dwellings...
Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road
REFUSED EPC made no comment
- 12.4 **Application 3481/15**
Removal of willow tree
Corner Cottage, New Road
GRANTED EPC objected

15.11.13

Noted:

The following when any other Planning Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited:

- 13.1 The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had attended, at the invitation of Cllr Mrs Mansel, a meeting with agents of Endurance Estates who have an interest in land in the village which they would like to be considered when the Neighbourhood Plan Group consults on specific site allocations. Cllr Mansel had confirmed the position of the Steering Group which is that, guided by professional advice and in close liaison with both District and County Planning officers, it is assessing the community's priorities in advance of being in a position to consider the possibilities suggested when the District Planning Authority's 'call for sites' exercise are published.
- 13.2 The Clerk reported on a meeting attended by himself, Cllr Pallett, Cllr Mrs Mansel and Cllr Levantis convened at the request of Messrs Taylor Wimpey to discuss the forthcoming detailed Planning application for 190 dwellings at the Bacon Factory site. In light of feedback from residents who had attended the public consultation on the proposals, it was confirmed that the developer might better satisfy the needs of the community by including more bungalows and small affordable market dwellings, such as flats, whilst avoiding the siting of dwellings facing on to Ashfield Road where on-street parking would, inevitably, pose a problem.
- 13.3 The Clerk brought to the Meeting's attention a proposal from the Chief Planning Development Officer at MSDC to convene a meeting including Parish Council representatives and Ward Members towards explaining the strategic planning process as it applies to the Call for Sites submissions affecting Elmswell.
- 13.4 The Clerk confirmed that he was in correspondence with the MSDC Planning Enforcement Team regarding a possible breach of regulations at William Armstrong Close.

15.11.14

Proposal: Cllr Reed:

That Council adopts the pre-application planning protocol as tabled at this meeting.

Cllr Reed withdrew this Proposal for re-presentation at a subsequent meeting.

15.11.15

Resolved:

That Council grant aids the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in the sum of £70.00.

15.11.16

Resolved:

That Wayne Jarvis be contracted to reduce the boundary hedge at Crown Mill adjacent to No. 31 Crown Mill back to a manageable height for a sum not to exceed £150.00 +VAT.

15.11.17

Resolved:

That Cllr Wiley attends the SALC / OneSuffolk website training sessions on 30.11.15 at a cost of £45.00 + VAT.

15.11.18

Proposal: Cllr Mrs Gunby;

That Council establishes a protocol governing the compilation of agendas with reference to proposals and to matters for discussion.

Cllr Mrs Gunby withdrew this Proposal for re-presentation at a subsequent meeting.

15.11.19

Noted:

The authorised payments made and income received as per Appendices B and C, and financial overview as per Appendix F.

- 15.11.20 **Resolved:**
That proposed payments, scheduled as Appendix D, be authorised.
20.1 It was confirmed that Cllr Brian Hawes is to furnish the Clerk with questions regarding BMA contributions to Council, the answers to be tabled at the next Council meeting.
- 15.11.21 **Noted:**
The Balance as per Appendix E and the Chairman's confirmation that the relevant bank statements and computer report verify the published figure of £128,749.98.
- 15.11.22 **Noted:**
The following when public comment was invited on matters relevant to Council business:
22.1 There was discussion prompted by questions from members of the Wesley User Group from which no action was determined.
22.2 A member of the public who had filmed this and other meetings voiced objection to any suggestion that the recorded tapes were 'doctored' in any way.
22.3 A member of the public suggested that Councillors did not show each other proper respect in meetings.
22.4 The Chairman confirmed that the matter of a pedestrian path from the car park gate to the facilities buildings at Blackbourne was in hand.
- 15.11.23 **Noted:**
The following when any other Council business for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited:
23.1 Cllr Reed confirmed that she had done nothing about engaging in the due process whereby her name would be added to the approved signatories on the Council's bank mandate, as Resolved at 15.09.16, as she had not yet had the proper forms and that she would not do so until she had the proper forms. Cllr Hawes suggested that a substitute should be found given the urgency of the matter. Cllr Reed suggested that this could not be done.
- 15.11.24 **Noted:**
That the next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday 21st December beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Blackbourne.
- 15.11.25 **Noted:**
That the Meeting closed at 9.42pm.